

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 1, line 17, with the following:

For example, as illustrated in FIG. 1A, a background sheet feeding cassette for use in an image forming apparatus, such as, a copying machine, a printer, a facsimile machine, and other similar image forming apparatuses, includes a sheet feeding cassette main body 101 (hereinafter referred to as a “cassette main body ~~101~~ 101”), a bottom plate 103, an end fence 104, and a sheet leading edge regulating part 105. The bottom plate 103 is rotatable up and down about a supporting point 102. The end fence 104 is slidable and can be fixed at any desired position. The sheet leading edge regulating part 105 aligns leading edges of sheets (S) as recording media accommodated in the cassette main body 101 (i.e., loaded on the bottom plate 103) in a direction of sheet feed (hereinafter referred to as a “sheet feeding direction”). The bottom plate 103 is biased by a biasing device (not shown), such as, a plate spring, such that the leading edge side in the sheet feeding direction of the sheets (S) loaded on the bottom plate 103 rotates upward. The end fence 104 is slidable in the sheet feeding direction.

The minor corrections being incorporated in this paragraph is only to correct typographical errors and they do not add new matter to the above-referenced application.